

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORTON

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

W. WILSON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Including

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the Year 1968





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To: The Chairman and Members of the  
Rural District Council of Norton.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my  
Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of your area  
for the year, 1968.

There are no matters on which I wish to make special comment  
this year.

I should like to express my thanks to the Members of the  
Council for their support, to the Officials for their co-operation,  
and to the Chief Public Health Inspector for his help in preparing  
this report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Wm. WILSON

Medical Officer of Health

# STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	..	..	94,132
Number of inhabited houses	..	..	2,428
Registrar General's estimate of home population	..	..	7,050
Rateable Value	..	..	£170,054
Sum represented by a penny rate	..	..	£667

## VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	50	51	101
Illegitimate	3	3	6
	—	—	—
	53	54	107
	—	—	—
Number			107
Rate per 1,000 population		15.2	
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births		5.6	
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)			3
Total Infant deaths per 1,000 total live births		28.0	

## Deaths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	65	27	92
Death rate per 1,000 population			13.0
Deaths from heart disease	24	6	30
Rate per 1,000 population			4.25
Deaths from Vascular lesions of the nervous system	7	4	11
Rate per 1,000 of the population			1.6
Deaths from Cancer	14	8	22
Rate per 1,000 of the population			3.12



Comparative Table of Birth and Death Rates  
during the Year 1968

Area	Live Births	Deaths	Number of Children under one year of age per 1,000 registered live births
	(Rates per 1,000 civilian population)		
England and Wales	16.9	11.9	18.0
Administrative County	15.6	11.5	16.7
M.B.'s and U.D.'s	15.3	11.7	21.3
R.D.'s	16.3	11.4	13.1

Table of Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates

<u>Year</u>	<u>Crude Birth Rate</u>	<u>Corrected Birth Rate</u>	<u>Crude Death Rate</u>	<u>Corrected Death Rate</u>	<u>Infant Mortality</u>
1958	18.08	19.35	11.88	12.12	37.31
1959	16.53	17.69	11.79	12.03	8.2
1960	18.73	20.04	11.46	11.69	35.97
1961	18.72	20.03	12.20	12.44	15.15
1962	14.59	15.61	11.33	11.56	19.42
1963	17.26	18.81	10.75	11.18	32.79
1964	17.19	18.74	11.22	11.67	16.52
1965	16.33	17.80	13.18	13.71	26.31
1966	13.51	14.73	8.91	9.27	10.64
1967	12.4	13.52	11.2	11.42	-
1968	15.2	16.6	13.0	13.5	28.0

Table Showing Causes of Death in Norton R.D.C.

	<u>1968</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
B5 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-
B19(1) Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	2	-
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	5	-
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	1
B19(5) Leukaemia	1	-
B19(6) Other Malignant Neoplasms, Etc.	7	7
B46(4) Other Diseases of Nervous System, Etc.	1	-
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-
B27 Hypertensive Disease	-	1
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	21	5
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	1
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	7	4
B46(5) Other Disease of Circulatory System	4	2
B32 Pneumonia	4	1
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	2	1
B36 Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-
B37 Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-
B39 Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
B46(10) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal	1	1
B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	-	1
B44 Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-
BE48 All other Accidents	-	1
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TOTAL ALL CAUSES	65	27
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Table Showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths, 1968.

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 1 year	..	..	1	2	3
1 - 4 years	..	..	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	..	..	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	..	..	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	..	..	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	..	..	3	2	5
45 - 54 years	..	..	4	2	6
55 - 64 years	..	..	13	1	14
65 - 74 years	..	..	21	7	28
75+	..	..	23	13	36
			<u>65</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>92</u>

Table Showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths from  
Malignant Disease

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 1 year	..	..	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	..	..	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	..	..	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	..	..	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	..	..	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	..	..	-	1	1
45 - 54 years	..	..	2	1	3
55 - 64 years	..	..	5	1	6
65 - 74 years	..	..	2	3	5
75+	..	..	5	2	7
			<u>14</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>22</u>

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Disease

Cases of infectious disease notified during the year:-

Food Poisoning ..... 1 (Nil)  
 Scarlet Fever ..... 1 (Nil)  
 Measles ..... 69 (49)  
 Whooping Cough ..... Nil (2)  
 Tuberculosis - Pulmonary.. 1 (Nil)

(Cases occurring in 1967 are shown in parenthesis)

Cases of infectious disease are admitted, when hospital treatment is necessary, to the Isolation Hospitals at York, Scarborough and Bridlington.



### VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year, 1968.

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1 Year	2 - 4	5 - 14	15	Totals
Number vaccinated	15	60	37	4	-	116
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	1	-	2	3

### Immunisation against Diphtheria

The figure for immunisation carried out during the year is as follows:-

#### Primary Immunisation

<u>Aged under 5</u>	<u>5-15</u>	<u>Total</u>
73	32	105

Reinforcing or 'Booster' injections - 69

Of the 73 children under five years of age, who are shown as having been immunised against Diphtheria, all were, at the same time, immunised against Whooping Cough.

### Poliomyelitis

A total of 102 children between the ages of 7 months and 15 years were given primary courses against Poliomyelitis. A further 95 were given booster or reinforcing injections.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT

### Nursing

A domiciliary nursing and midwifery service is available throughout the district, as part of the County Council's scheme under the National Health Act.

District Nurse/Midwives are stationed at Norton, Sherburn, Scagglethorpe, Wetwang.

### Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological samples are examined at the Public Health Laboratories situated at Northallerton and Hull.

Routine samples of water are sent to the Laboratory at Northallerton for examination.

### Ambulance Service

Ambulances based at Scarborough, Filey and Malton are available.

### Treatment Centres and Clinics

Child Welfare Clinics are held each month at Sherburn and Rillington.

Clinics for the treatment of Venereal Diseases are held each week at York and Scarborough.

### Hospitals

General medical and surgical cases are admitted to hospitals at Malton Driffield, Scarborough and York.

Maternity cases are admitted to the Westow Croft Maternity Home, Westow.

### Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses within the district.

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# SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE

<u>PUBLIC HEALTH</u>					<u>TOTAL</u>
Sewers	..	..	..	..	37
Sewage Works	..	..	..	..	79
Water Supplies		..	..	..	8
Water Sampling		..	..	..	92
Nuisances	..	..	..	..	29
Infectious Diseases		..	..	..	2
Infestations (Vernin)	..		..	..	3
Camping & Caravan Sites	..		..	..	6
Refuse Collection and Disposal		..		..	76
Drainage Survey		..	..	..	41
Drain Inspection		..	..	..	33
Building Regulations		..	..	..	276
<u>TOWN PLANNING</u>	..	..	..	..	72
<u>IMPROVEMENT GRANTS</u>		..	..	..	29
<u>HOUSING</u>					
Housing Inspections		..	..	..	84
Overcrowding	..	..	..	..	2
<u>RODENT CONTROL</u>	..	..	..	..	37
<u>FOOD AND DRUGS</u>					
Food Hygiene	..	..	..	..	12
Meat Inspection		..	..	..	402
Food Shops	..	..	..	..	14
Catering Premises		..	..	..	8
Slaughterhouses		..	..	..	6
Knacker's Yards		..	..	..	3
<u>OFFICES &amp; SHOPS ACT</u>		..	..	..	11
<u>PETROLEUM</u>	..	..	..	..	33
<u>FACTORIES</u> (power)		..	..	..	12
(non-power)		..	..	..	22
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	..	..	..	..	61
<u>COUNCIL HOUSES</u>					
Maintenance	..	..	..	..	366
Re-lets	..	..	..	..	15
Painting	..	..	..	..	115
Improvements	..	..	..	..	220
TOTAL .....					<u>2,206</u>



## Water Supplies

A chlorinated mains supply is available throughout most of the district and is not plumbo-solvent.

Parish	Total	Number of Dwellings			
		Piped Water (Mains) Inside	Piped Water (Private) Inside	Standpipe Occupied Houses only	No Adequate Supply
Acklan	55 (10)	52	-	3	-
Birdsall	109 (14)	32	77	-	-
Burythorpe	95 (24)	81	13	1	-
Firby	21 (4)	13	8	-	-
Foxholes	80 (20)	77	-	3	-
Ganton	82 (10)	66	15	1	-
Heslerton	151 (24)	148	2	1	-
Howshan	32 (2)	29	-	3	-
Kirby Grindalythe	102 (37)	102	-	-	-
Langton	43 (4)	41	-	2	-
Leavening	105 (24)	99	2	3	1
Luttons	119 (32)	111	-	8	-
Rillington	308 (94)	303	1	4	-
Scagglethorpe	85 (23)	81	3	1	-
Scampston	130 (15)	95	31	2	2
Scrayingham	46 (6)	43	-	2	1
Settrington	123 (20)	114	3	6	-
Sherburn	239 (114)	232	6	1	-
Thixendale	54 (6)	51	1	2	-
Thorpe Bassett	35 (-)	26	2	7	-
Weaverthorpe	105 (36)	102	-	3	-
Westow	98 (31)	90	1	7	-
Wharram	49 (6)	41	8	-	-
Willerby	141 (56)	128	9	4	-
Wintringham	68 (12)	61	4	3	-
Yedingham	31 (12)	30	-	1	-
Total	2,506 (636)	2,248	186	68	4

The figures in brackets indicate the number of Council owned dwellings in each Parish.



94 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination with the following results:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Ryedale Joint Water Board (chlorinated)	45	5
Private Supplies (chlorinated)	3	2
(not chlorinated)	22	15
(filtered)	2	-

No samples were submitted for chemical analysis.

### Housing

Thirty-five new dwellings were completed during the year, an increase of eight on the previous year.

	COUNCIL Bungalows Houses		PRIVATE Bungalows Houses		TOTAL
Heslerton	-	-	2	-	2
Rillington	-	4	8	-	12
Scagglethorpe	-	-	-	1	1
Scampston	-	-	1	-	1
Sherburn	3	2	3	6	14
Westow	-	-	-	1	1
Willerby	-	-	2	-	2
Wintringham	2	-	-	-	2
Total	5	6	16	8	35

One dwelling out of four is Council owned, with a total of 636 Council dwellings against 1,870 privately owned.

## Discretionary and Standard Grants

	Number of Applications	Number Approved	Number of Houses	Total Grant	Average Cost per House
Discretionary Grants	5	5	7	£2,800	£560
Standard Grants	8	6	6	£935	£156
<u>Figures for 1967</u>					
Discretionary Grants	13	12	13	£5,120	£393
Standard Grants	4	4	4	£645	£161
<u>Figures for 1949/67</u>					
Discretionary Grants	273	268	-	-	-
Standard Grants	151	144	-	-	-

445 houses have been improved with grant aid since 1949, out of a total of 1,870 private dwellings in the district.

### Sewerage

As in 1967 there was no constructional work during the year in connection with the provision of new sewerage systems. The scheme for Wintringham received Ministry approval and is scheduled to start in January, 1969 with sewage being pumped to the works at Rillington. There is no doubt that it is an advantage from a maintenance aspect to have a central works receiving sewage from adjoining villages but would not be a practicable proposition in an area of this size.

The thirteen main village sewage disposal works continue to give, on the whole, satisfactory results. None of the sludge beds are in use and all sludge is spread by the cesspool emptying vehicle on to land made available by local farmers.

During the year 421 septic tanks were emptied free of charge and this new service is appreciated.

### Refuse Collection and Disposal

One of the three refuse tips was closed during the year and as a result it was possible to concentrate on maintaining the principal remaining tip at Helperthorpe in a better condition. It is unfortunate, however, that unauthorised dumping of refuse still takes place without thought and appreciation of the difficulty of maintaining a controlled tip in an area where soil for cover is limited.

There is also evidence of dumping in many of the disused quarries dotted along the Wolds and this action in an area of considerable scenic attraction is hard to understand when an official tipping site is available and when transport is not the problem that it was in earlier years.

The joint investigation with two adjoining authorities into the possibility of operating a refuse pulverisation plant continued and by the end of the year agreement on all aspects was reached and it was decided to purchase a Vickers Seerdrum pulverisor to be sited in the Malton Urban District.



### Food and Drugs Act, 1955

No. of Food Shops .. ..	47
No. of Hotels, Inns etc. ..	17
No. of cafes and school canteens ..	8

Number of premises registered under Section 16 for:-

Sale of ice cream .. ..	30
Manufacture of meat products	6

### The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

At the end of the year five offices, seven retail shops and three catering establishments were registered under the Act. Eleven visits were made to premises.

### Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

There are no licensed caravan sites within the district.

### Petroleum (Regulations) Act, 1928/36

A total of 81 licences have been issued, covering the storage of approximately 90,000 gallons of petrol. There are 23 filling-stations in the district.

### Building Regulations and Town Planning

The following applications were dealt with during the year:-

#### Building Regulations

In abeyance 1.1.68.	8	(1967 - 10)
New applications	121	(1967 - 109)
Applications approved	118	(1967 - 111)
Applications rejected	Nil	(1967 - Nil)
In abeyance 31.12.68.	11	(1967 - 8)

#### Planning

In abeyance 1.1.68.	12	(1967 - 1)
New applications	88	(1967 - 89)
Applications approved	85	(1967 - 68)
Applications refused	6	(1967 - 4)
Applications withdrawn	2	(1967 - 6)
In abeyance 31.12.68.	7	(1967 - 12)

### Council Houses

The number of houses owned by the Council rose to 636 during the year.

Modernization of 38 of the older houses was completed and at the end of the year plans were approved for improvements in a further 36 houses. The work involving considerable internal reconstruction qualified for Discretionary Grant payment and was well received by all the tenants.

## Rodent Control

Treatments were carried out as necessary on refuse tips and sewage disposal works. The only minor infestation recorded in a sewerage system occurred as a result of rats entering by a stormwater overflow.

It was not possible to carry out a full survey of farms within the district but there was evidence that more occupiers were using Warfarin regularly.

## Meat Inspection

Slaughtering was still carried out throughout each week but the number of animals inspected fell from 24,559 to 14,803, primarily due to the number of sheep falling by more than 9,000.

### Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	1,540	78	40	9,815	3,330	-
Number Inspected	1,540	78	40	9,815	3,330	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	5	28	12	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	204	28	2	404	141	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tubercul- osis or cysticercosis	13.34%	38.88%	17.5%	4.42%	4.59%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	40	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1.20%	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	16	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to refrigeration	16	-	-	-	-	-

Seventeen persons are licensed to slaughter animals under the Slaughter of Animals Act.



Factories Act, 1937

Figures relating to inspection of factories covered only those visits which were made specifically for that purpose, and do not include visits made in connection with other matters, when attention was also paid to items under Section 1 - 7.

Prescribed particulars of the Administration of the Factories  
Act, 1961

1. INSPECTION for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written (4)	Prosecutions (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	12	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	30	22	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises	-	-	-	-
Total	42	34	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found - Nil.

Part VIII of the Act  
(Outwork)

Sections 133 and 134

- Nil Return -





